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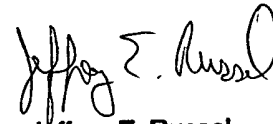
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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 10 March 2003 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:
- a) ☐ entered.
 - b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
 - c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
 - d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.
 - e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

The proposed amendment does not contain any changes to the claims, other than to their claim numbers. The examiner has already re-numbered the claims for allowance, consistent with 37 CFR 1.126 (e.g., allowed claim 8 will appear as claim 1 of the patent).



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